

In claim 26, line 14, delete "any one of claims" and insert --claim-- therefor.

In claim 26, line 14, delete "to 21".

In claim 28, line 22, delete "any one of claims" and insert --claim-- therefor.

In claim 28, line 22, delete "to 27".

In claim 29, line 26, delete "any one of claims" and insert --claim-- therefor.

In claim 29, line 26, delete "to 28".

In claim 30, line 30, delete "any one of claims" and insert --claim-- therefor.

In claim 30, line 30, delete "to 29".

### REMARKS

Consideration of the above identified application in view of the preceding amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested. Claims 1-30 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, Applicants have removed the multiple dependencies from the claims.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now in this application, namely Claims 1-30, are in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly solicited. If after reviewing this amendment, the Examiner believes that a telephone or personal interview would facilitate the resolution of any remaining matters the undersigned attorney may be contacted at the number set forth hereinbelow.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF AMENDMENT

Respectfully submitted,

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